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Girls' Dormitory



CANHAVE is excited about the many fundraisers we have planned for the next few months. We hope to raise enough funds to be able to build a dormitory for our female students at the Trade School. Stewart Elder of Parkwood Presbyterian Church was the first Canadian to see the property the Trade School is built on, and we now hope to improve the property with this addition. The girls at the Trade School are in need of a dormitory; over 30 girls are currently sleeping in one of the classrooms at the school. That classroom is needed to provide more space for teaching, and we want to provide our students with a better place to sleep at night.

CANHAVE has already raised over \$13,000 dollars at a wonderfully successful fundraiser that Grete Hale organized. Seven acres of land have generously been donated. There was also a fence built around the property to ensure more protection for these young girls. We still need financial support to finish the project.

The dormitory that we are proposing will sleep over 90 girls. It will have four “pods”, and each pod will sleep 24 girls. We also hope to add a central living room; a common area where the girls could spend time together.

We are passionate about the success of this project. It is important to us that these girls no longer continue to sleep in the classroom. With the completion of this project we will be able to provide support for even more students.

Money raised by CANHAVE always goes toward helping students in Uganda. Currently, donations will help with the construction of the dormitory, adding beds and bedding, equipping the computer workshops, adding more desks, chairs, and furnishings, and will also provide learning materials for all the courses.



Prospective building design for girls' dormitory.



Success of the Container!

The success of the container sent to Kisubi was not only celebrated here in Canada but was also very much celebrated in Uganda. When the container arrived at the Trade School there were many hands available to make the unloading of the container quick. The students were very enthusiastic and thrilled to be able to lend a hand. It was evident that they were appreciative of the container's contents. Joy could be seen in the huge smiles, laughing, and dancing that the students displayed throughout the entire unloading process.

All were immensely happy to see over 10,000 gently used tools donated by Lee Valley's customers. They also unloaded walking canes, umbrellas, pitch forks, fabric, sewing notions, books, bikes, wheel chairs, and sports equipment. The success of the container was evident to all those who were in Kisubi.



Annual Fundraising Dinner

The CANHAVE annual fundraising dinner is lucky to have CBC Radio host Rita Celli donate her expertise as master of ceremonies for this year's event. The affair includes a delicious dinner with a delectable cheesecake for dessert! Throughout the night entertainment will include the premiere viewing of a video showcasing CANHAVE's most recent work in Uganda. Moreover there will be a silent auction going on throughout the night. It is the perfect occasion to bid on great items to support a very special cause! In addition, the draw of the winning quilt raffle ticket will take place. We are also very fortunate to have Songmen Six perform as our after-dinner entertainment! Songmen Six is one of Ottawa's newest acapella groups. The occasion promises to be delightful. A huge thank you to all of our sponsors!



Raffle Tickets

Ann McLean, of Country Quilter has once again donated a beautiful handmade quilt for the CANHAVE fundraising raffle. The raffle ticket sale for the exquisite quilt which features a Canadian Mennonite chrysalis design raised approximately \$4600. All the money raised will be used right here in Ottawa to sponsor the fundraising dinner. The winning ticket will be drawn during the annual fundraising dinner on Saturday October 23. Thanks to all those who took part by volunteering to sell raffle tickets!



Elizabeth Kaziro's Trip to Canada

Elizabeth Kaziro, who is a member of the CANHAVE board in Uganda, made a trip to Canada in July 2010. While she was here members of the Canadian CANHAVE board showed her around. She was able to visit Toronto, Niagara Falls, and the Algonquin College in Ottawa. During her travels she also attended a board meeting.

While in Toronto Elizabeth and Gwynneth Evans took a tour of the company Peach Berserk, a business that makes clothing and does silk screening. They took a tour of the silk screening business because Kingi Carpenter and Rebecca Zimmerman are offering their expertise and time so that in the future CANHAVE will be able to offer a silk screening class at the Trade School.

Elizabeth received their book and CD which explain how to build the equipment and create the shop. They gave Elizabeth samples of their clothes and accessories so the teacher and students at Kisubi will be aware of the possibilities silk screening offers. Elizabeth and Gwynneth were impressed by the genuine interest and enthusiasm that Kingi and Rebecca demonstrated for the CANHAVE Trade School.



While Elizabeth was in Ottawa there was much discussion about the well that is a priority for the Trade School. Stewart Elder and his wife are donating the well to the Trade School. CANHAVE will maintain and monitor the well. Its water will be available to the local community.

Mr. Elder and his wife would also like the well to have a plaque with the quotation St. John 4:14, "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again but whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never be thirsty again; The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life." Plans for the well are underway and we hope that it will be operational within the year.

Elizabeth also brought up some of the priorities of the Trade School in the upcoming few months. They include the girls' dormitory, computers, desks, chairs, and hardware and software to install a computer laboratory. Also the pump and completed reservoir are important to the Trade School. Elizabeth told the board that the fees for the third semester for the children were needed. She brought great news: Catherine Namazzi has been accepted for a BA in Business Administration at the Kisubi College of the Uganda Martyrs' University. Her term began on August 17.

We were very happy to have Elizabeth's presence at the board meeting and that she was given the opportunity to see how CANHAVE functions here.



Pioneers



CANHAVE was started in 1994, after Caroline Nakayenga's trip to Uganda. While visiting she was asked to visit the home of a dying widow of five children. The widow requested that Caroling Nakayenga take care of her five children. Caroline returned to Canada and that is when CANHAVE Children's Centre began.



From these humble beginnings we have been able to grow, thanks to the support from all our donors and volunteers. CANHAVE's work would not be possible without the amazing donations that have been received over the past decade. Our pioneers Catherine, Robert, Peter, Moses, and Joseph sent us letters of recognition and thanks for all the work and effort that allowed them to receive an education and pursue their dreams.

Dear CanHave members,

There are not enough words to tell you how I am feeling at this moment in time. I never thought I would be able to go to University and yet you have made my dream come true. I know my biological parents must be smiling down on my siblings and myself to see how far we have come because of CANHAVE. I cannot forget Jjajja of all children in our village and Uncle Joseph Kabali who opened the way for me. Without all of you I don't know where I would be today!!!!

I can now say proudly that I am a university student and that I have been chosen to be student representative of the Business Administration and Management program for this year. I have an assistant who is also a mature student and I believe he will be a great asset in helping me to the class of 2010. This is a great time for me to take on leadership roles and begin to make a difference in this world.

Kudos to my CANHAVE parents and family. It is because of you and your faith in me that my confidence and self esteem have brought me to where I am today!!! I don't know how I can ever repay you except to say that I will work very hard to make you proud.

I pray God's blessings to be poured on each of you like rain or snow.

*Sincerely,
Catherine Namazzi
CANHAVE PIONEER*



Letters of Appreciation

We received a very warm and thankful letter from Peter, who says,

Long live CANHAVE because without you I wouldn't appear like this, whereby you helped me to develop my talent so as to help others who lack knowledge and skills... That's why I call CANHAVE my dad and my mum from today onwards. So, God bless you all.

Joseph says,

Life is moving on well...and I know one day my vision will be done. [I will be] fulfilling the respective duties; hence attaining more skills/academic goals. I highly appreciate your valuable ideas as well as showing me your strength to help and [your] providing... So, this note comes to say that I am very grateful for your kind, considerate way, and to thank you for being so special...



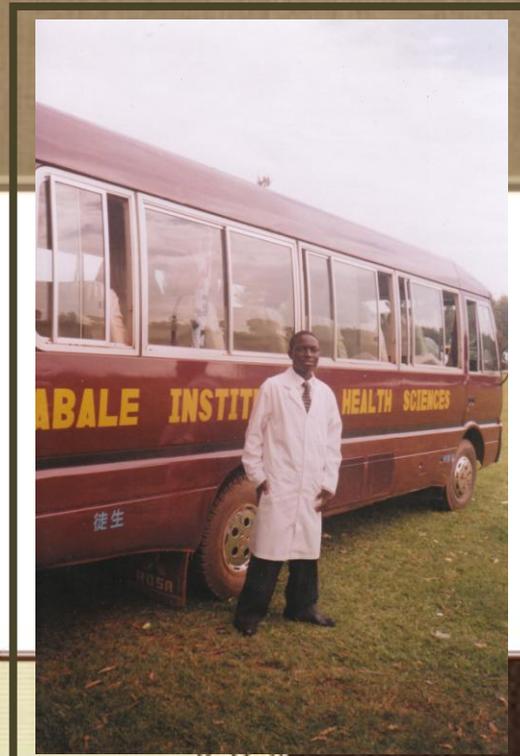
Peter



Joseph

Here is one last letter from our pioneer Robert, he is very appreciative of everything CANHAVE has done for him.

I have written this letter to thank you for the great work you are doing [and so that you] see that I go on with my goal. Reflecting on my poor background and seeing that I am taking this Diploma Course in Clinical Medicine, I have found and seen it important to write this letter to thank you very much for the support. Seeing that you pay my fees, my wellbeing at school plus the accommodation, I would be foolish not to thank you. So thanks a lot my relatives. For sure, my Jajja (grandfather) would not have managed to pay for my fees, most especially at this stage and I don't know really where I would be now. On that note, I promise to work so hard to see that I [get good results and make you proud]. I promise to lift the flag of CANHAVE high...wherever I will be.



How Can I Help?

- \$360.00 (\$30.00 per month) will help sponsor a child for a full year of education with basic needs. Our goal is to sponsor 60 children in 2010.
- \$100.00-\$250.00 to develop and manage the CANHAVE Trade School in Kisubi, Uganda, with a view to making its operation sustainable over the long term while also providing post-secondary education to CANHAVE children interested in learning a trade.
- \$___ towards a specific aspect of our work, such as the building of a girls dormitory, purchasing furnishings, and maintain the grounds.
- \$25.00 membership which includes receiving the Clarion newsletter to learn more about what we do and to vote at the Annual General Meeting, May 2011.



Please make any cheques payable to CANHAVE and mail to the address listed below. You can also donate online at www.canhave.org. Tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$10.00 or more.

CANHAVE Children's Centre is a registered, membership, not-for-profit organization. We encourage individuals wishing to help Ugandan AIDS-affected orphans to join and become a voting member, a volunteer, and/or a donor.

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CANHAVE has two voluntary boards; one in Canada and one in Uganda. The decisions and leadership for planning and managing the programmes are made in Uganda, meanwhile the Canadian Board makes fundraising decisions to help the Ugandan board best support the children.

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In the next issue...

- An update on the results of the Annual Fundraising Dinner
- Brother Albert joins the Trade School
- Letter of thanks
- Appreciation for soccer uniforms and equipment

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